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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, RP, ID, US  
SUBJECT: REALLOCATION OF MILITARY ITEMS RECOVERED FROM CAMBODIA  
AND VIET-NAM

REF: A. STATE 200194  
B. JAKARTA 10386

1. I CALLED ON SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE PONCE ENRILE  
MORNING AUGUST 26 TO INFORM HIM OF WASHINGTON PROPOSAL  
(REF A) TO ALLOCATE TO THE PHILIPPINES CERTAIN MILITARY  
ITEMS RECOVERED FROM VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA. ENRILE WAS  
PLEASED WITH THE PROPOSAL AND SAID HE CONSIDERED ALL ITS  
TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO GOP.

2. ENRILE UNDERTOOK TO HAVE OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE  
ARMED FORCES GET IMMEDIATELY IN TOUCH WITH JUSMAG TO DISCUSS  
THE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT CONCERNED. HE WISHED, FOR  
EXAMPLE, TO KNOW WHAT "FMS PROCEDURES" WOULD APPLY FOR THE  
MORE THAN \$800,000 COSTS WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED IN  
ACQUIRING SEVERAL OF THE NAVAL ITEMS. ONCE HE HAS A  
COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENTIRE TRANSACTION, HE WILL  
PRESENT IT TO THE PRESIDENT, AND GIVE ME A FORMAL

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ACCEPTANCE WELL BEFORE THE THIRTY DAY PERIOD EXPIRES.

3. AS FOR THE ITEMS AT SUBIC DESTINED FOR INDONESIA, ENRILE SAID HE APPRECIATED INDONESIAN DEFENSE NEEDS AND POINTED OUT THAT GOP AND GOI HAD CLOSE WORKING RELATIONS, INCLUDING JOINT NAVAL PATROLS. HE WELCOMED IDEA OF INDONESIAN INSPECTION VISIT TO SUBIC TO EXAMINE VESSELS INVOLVED AND FELT PHILIPPINE NAVY AND PRIVATE SHIPYARDS COULD BE HELPFUL TO INDONESIAN IN OUTFITTING THESE VESSELS FOR VOYAGE TO INDONESIAN WATERS.

4. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE LOSS OF THE FOUR BEST WHECS TO INDONESIA MORE PALATABLE, I TOLD ENRILE THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER A GOP REQUEST TO ACQUIRE EXCESS VESSELS NOW IN JAPAN. ENRILE COFIRMED THAT GOP WISHES TO ACQUIRE FROM JAPAN 2 DE'S, W LST'S, 3 LCU'S, 20 LCM'S, 2 YAS'S, AND 2 YF'S. ALTHOUGH I PHRASED OUR COMMITMENT ON THIS PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT IN CONDITIONAL TERMS, I AM SURE THAT GOP WILL CONSIDER OUR OFFER OF THESE SHIPS, IN ACCORDANCE PARA 8 REF A, TO BE JUST AS FIRM AS OUR OFFER ON CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE SHIPS; AND, I TRUST, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THAT IT IS.

5. COMMENT: THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR AMBASSADOR NEWSOM TO MAKE HIS OFFER TO INDONESIANS AND I TRUST THE TRIPLATERAL TRANSACTION WILL GO SMOOTHLY (REF B). I GREATLY APPRECIATE WASHINGTON ACTION TO MAKE THE OFFER TO THE PHILIPPINES MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AND BELIEVE THIS STEP WILL MATERIALLY ASSIST US IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS ON OUR MILITARY BASES IN THIS COUNTRY.  
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